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The Honorable Frank Lautenberg  
United States Senate  
506 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

I am writing to express my support for S. 1900, the High-Speed Rail Investment Act. I applaud both your commitment to developing a nationwide high-speed rail program and your leadership in sponsoring legislation to ensure significant federal participation.

The Indiana Department of Transportation has been studying the economic viability of high-speed rail in my state. One of the main obstacles to establishing such service is a lack of funding options. Your bill provides meaningful federal participation in the development of high-speed rail corridors across Indiana and the nation. Your commitment to helping ensure equitable distribution of revenue bond proceeds and providing for competition in the issuance bonds is also welcome and appreciated.

I am pleased to offer my endorsement of S. 1900 and look forward to working with you towards passage of the High-Speed Rail Investment Act prior to adjournment of the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

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